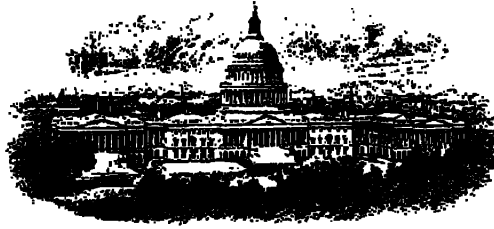


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To the Federal Election Commission:

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I write to submit an advisory opinion request concerning my ability to use congressional campaign funds to support a candidate for local office. With primary elections in Illinois fast approaching, I want to know what specific restrictions or limits, if any, apply to me in providing financial assistance during this campaign season.

Specifically, my wife, Sandi Jackson, is running in the February 5th primary elections to become the Committeeman of the 7th Ward, a political sub-division that she now represents on the Chicago City Council. If elected to the post, Sandi would represent the ward not only on the city council, but also within the Cook County Democratic Party. In the new capacity, she would be expected to promote the activity and advance the interests of the local political party.

Under the Illinois Campaign Financing Act, Sandi has no limits to the contributions that she may accept for this party position. Just as in her successful bid for the city council, she also may receive contributions from corporations and unions.

As her husband, closest ally and biggest supporter, I, of course, want to do everything in my power and within the law to support her election. Therefore, may I contribute to my wife's campaign for 7th Ward Committeeman? If so, how much may I contribute?

If you have any questions or need additional information about my inquiry, please contact me at my campaign office at 773-731-0001. I thank you in advance for your attention and consideration in this matter and I look forward to receiving your reply.

Sincerely,

Jesse L. Jackson, Jr.
Member of Congress